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Illegal sale of rice in a ration shop under the Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, Kongod, South Malabar.

* 870 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there was illegal sale of rice in ration shop No. 198 under the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, Kongod, South Malabar, and, if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes. On verification of the accounts of the Ration shop No. 198, Kongad, it was found that the Manager of the shop issued excess ration of about 14 bags by making double and triple issues of ration on many ration cards and that he had misappropriated certain quantity of foodgrains by issuing ration in excess of the prescribed scale and also falsified the accounts. For these irregularities the President of the Society imposed upon the Manager a fine of Rs. 150 and kept him under suspension. Subsequently the Society filed a complaint with the Police and investigation is proceeding. As it is found that ration shops under the Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Kongad in Palghat taluk are not functioning properly and as the President and Secretary of the Society are not having proper control over the ration shop Manager, the District Supply Officer is examining the question of relieving the Society of its work of distribution of foodgrains."

Aid to ayurvedic institutions or colleges in Malabar.

* 871 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Keraleeya Ayurvedic Samajam Hospital and College, Shoranur, Malabar, for aid or subvention and if so what action has been taken thereon ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation for aid from any other ayurvedic institutions or colleges in Malabar and if so, whether they have been given any assistance?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The Keraleeya Ayurvedic Society, a registered institution in Kannanore, North Malabar as Managers of Madava Memorial Ayurvedic College and Hospital, Kannanore, have submitted a memorandum on 22nd August 1952 to the Hon. the Chief Minister, on 12th January 1953 to the Hon. Minister for Industries and on 26th February 1954 to the Government of Madras for financial aid, in view of the fact that the institution which is recognized but not given grant is on the verge of collapse unless Government come forward to give some financial aid. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to look into the matter and take suitable action for the continuance of this glorious institution in Kannanore? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" According to the information at my disposal, no representation for grants in connection with the budget for 1954–55 has been received by the Government. If fresh requests are received, they will be considered."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in a letter addressed to me on 26th February 1954, it was stated that a memorandum, a copy of which has been given to me, also has been submitted. Anyhow, I will submit this memorandum now to the Hon. Minister."

Survey of old estate lands.

* 872 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of lands in the old estates now taken over that have been surveyed by the Government up-to-date ; and

(*b*) the total expenditure incurred by the Government in this regard from 1952 to February 1954?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " (*a*) The extent of lands in the estate areas surveyed in the residuary Madras State up to February 1954 is 4,401·27 square miles.

" (*b*) The total expenditure incurred by the Government for the survey of lands in the estate areas of the Residuary Madras State for the period from April 1952 to January 1954 is Rs. 22,38,822. The expenditure incurred in February 1954 is not known as the particulars from the subordinate officers have not been received."

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMY :—" இந்த ராஜ்யம் பூராவும் இருக்கக்கூடிய சர்வே ஆகாத எஸ்டேட் நிலங்கள் எவ்வளவு என்பதையும், அவைகள் எல்லாவற்றிலும் சர்வே செய்ய எவ்வளவு காலம் பிடிக்கும், அதற்கு எவ்வளவு பணம் செலவு ஆகும் என்பதையெல்லாம் கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I think it would take about 4 or 5 years, Sir and the amount will be in the order of some lakhs."

SRI S. VENKATARAMA AYYAR :—" As settlement has to be effected only after survey operations are over, will the Government be pleased to increase the staff of the Survey Department so as to expedite the work."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. We have already increased the staff in certain cases. We shall consider in what other places it is absolutely necessary to increase the staff."